

## HE WAS A GENTLEMAN.

How Jim Sanders Reported of His Vow Never to Be Taken Alive.

When the sheriff went over from Golden Hill to Lucky Valley after Jim Sanders, who was wanted for shooting Dan Williams in a quarrel over a game of cards, he didn't even take a gun along. He found his man in a saloon and asked him to step up and take a drink. Jim complied, but kept a hand on his gun. When they had drunk, they sat down, and the sheriff told three or four funny stories. By and by the puzzled Jim broke out with:

"See here, Joe, did you come over after me?"

"Waal, I thought you might want to jog along back with me," was the reply.

"Not much. I'll never be taken alive."

"Then that settles it. Let's hev another drink."

They drank again, and the official told a very funny story about a tender-foot's experience in Golden City. Jim laughed as loudly as the others, but presently grew serious and said:

"Say, Joe, you can't take me alive."

"Waal, we won't worry about that, Jim," was the reply. "Let's hev another nip and then a game of cards."

The game lasted until the sheriff had lost about \$20. Then he ordered drinks and sang a song. When the song was finished, he said to Sanders:

"Jim, hev'n't I made things pleasant fur you today?"

"You hev, Joe, and no mistake."

"Treated you like a gentleman—hev'n't I?"

"You certainly hev."

"That's my way of doin things. Now I want you to treat me like a gentleman. Go back to Golden City with me?"

"But I shot Dan Williams over thar."

"Of course you did."

"And they want to hang me."

"Of course they do, but that's nothin to me. I didn't make the laws. I was sent out arter you, and I want to take you back. I could hev sneaked in and got the drop on you, but I knowed 'twould hurt your pride. Hev'n't I bin tender with you, Jim?"

"You hev, Joe; but I don't want to be hung."

"I s'pose not, but see how nice I've used you. Would any other sheriff hev done it?"

"No, I reckon not."

"Of course not, and if you are hung won't I boss the job and make it as easy as possible? Just come right along to oblige me, Jim."

"Would it be a great favor to you?"

"It would, and it would show me that you was a gentleman to boot. I'm a gentleman myself, and I kin appreciate a gentleman."

"Waal, Joe," said Jim, after a moment's thought, "I did say I wouldn't go, and I did think I didn't want to be hung, but to oblige you and to show these critters that I know what good manners is I'll go along with you."

And ten days later Mr. Sanders attended a necktie social and was left behind when the others started for home. —Dallas News.

## In Bicycle Parlane.

He—Dearest girl, the tire of my heart has been punctured by the tacks of your charms. Be mine and let us ride tandem through life.

She—How sweet and strange! You have scorched your way to my affections, and I cannot back pedal against your attractions. I surrender the handle bar of my life to your hands and am sure you will steer our united lives wisely. —Philadelphia Review.

## His Location.

"I live in a town," said the bewhiskered man, who was tilted back in the hotel chair smoking a rank cigar, "where a father, two sons and an uncle, all members of the same family, ran for office at the last election."

"Pardon me," ventured a bystander, "but what part of Ohio are you from?"

—New York Sunday World.

## As to the Journey.

Mr. Ferguson (who has been ready to start to the theater an hour or more)—Laura, if you had to take a train for heaven, you would get left.

Mrs. Ferguson (buttoning her gloves)—I don't know whether I would or not, but if I did catch it I know I would have to travel without any escort. —Chicago Tribune.

## No Hope In That Quarter.

Charlie Paywell—Say, old man, will you let me have \$20 until tomorrow?

Johnnie Goodboy—Can't, my dear boy. Haven't got it. Why don't you ask Howard? He might let you have it.

Charlie Paywell—No, I couldn't expect to get a dollar from him; he owes me \$50. —New York Sunday World.

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